

Application for City Boards, Commissions/Committees For 2003-2004

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College Station Resident for 5 Years.*(Must be a resident of the City to serve)***Subdivision:**

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Please indicate the boards, commissions or committees you are interested in serving.

First Choice Planning and Zoning Commission

Second Choice Brazos County 911 Comm

Third Choices Design Review Board

If you are currently serving on a board, commission, or committee, Please list them Below.

Please list any experience or interests that qualifies you to serve in the style position Indicated.

I have a Master of Public Administration from Texas A&M with a focus in police administration. I have over ten years of police experience and have lived in B/CS since 1985, minus the three years I spend in Waco going to law school. I have driven virtually every street in the city, some of them hundreds of times, and have seen traffic at all hours of the day & night. I am almost as familiar with parts of the county as well. I know where people go and when they go there. I know what areas are safe, which ones are dangerous, and which ones can be improved. I have watched the city

grow this far and can see how its future growth can be an asset, OR a huge liability to us all.

In compliance with Chapter 552, Government Code (Public Information Act), information related to the applicant's home address, home telephone number, and e-mail address shall be made available to the public, unless the applicant checks below stating that the information is not to be released.

DAVID HIGGINSON

Why are you interested in serving on a city committee?: I want to have some input into how the city continues to grow and expand, and into how the already developed portions are maintained.

What attracted you to College Station?: I came here for Texas A&M but stayed because of the small-town size, the rural atmosphere, and the overall quality of life. Excellent place to raise a family.

What, if anything, would you change about College Station?: I would try to slow the headlong rush into "big city" appearances. I think we have enough chain restaurants with neon signs, Home Depots, etc., and all the traffic that that creates. The attitude that we need to be called the "Research Valley" solely to attract more high-paying industry to the area seems counterproductive to me. What makes the city appealing are its size, friendliness, rural feel, and safety. These attributes will vanish if we aren't careful in how we grow.

This board meets twice monthly (P&Z, 1st and 3rd Thursday, 7:00 p.m., ZBA, 1st Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.). There are also additional subcommittee meetings that may be held during the daytime. What time constraints do you have, if any? : It's difficult to always be available during the daytime, but evenings aren't a problem.

What is your attitude towards growth?: (See above)... I think controlled, carefully-regulated growth is fine and beneficial. I think growth for its own sake is shortsighted and, ultimately, harmful. Eventually any city can get "too big." I think the WAY in which a city grows can affect how soon its residents and visitors feel that it has gotten too large.

Briefly give your opinion about the overall mission and goals of the city.: The overall mission of the city seems to be well thought-out and implemented. I haven't seen a dozen cities this size that have such a good grasp on their crime, their environment, and their infrastructure.

Additional Comments: My address is: 8204 Butler Ridge Drive, 77845, and my work phone is 361-4300.

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